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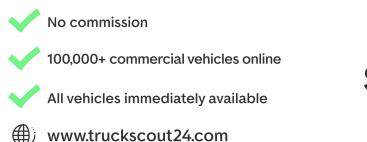
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Foreword EHF President

Dear handball friends,

Four high-profile play-off ties in next step on Golden Road to Cologne!

We had 16 teams on the starting grid of the Machineseeker EHF Champions League 2023/24 when Europe's top-flight competition threw off with the group phase six months ago. After 14 intense, spectacular, and dramatic rounds, there are now 12 teams left in the race as we head into the knockout phase. Let's find out which teams dare to rise to occasion in the business end of the Machineseeker EHF Champions League!

We continue the Golden Road to Cologne with the play-offs, as eight team are set to battle it out on 27/28 March and 3/4 April for the remaining four quarter-final berths. Four teams have already punched their ticket thanks to their top-two finish in the group phase: THW Kiel and Aalborg Håndbold advance from group A, and Barça and SC Magdeburg from group B. So, which four teams will join them for the last step ahead of the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4 2024 on 8/9 June?

The 2016 champions and runners-up of the past two seasons, Industria Kielce, face one of the two Danish sides in the competition, GOG, who hope to reach the quarter-finals for the first time. The winners will meet reigning champions Magdeburg, which means we could see a rematch of last year's final in the quarter-finals.

Two-time former titleholders Montpellier HB, who lifted the trophy in 2003 and 2018, take on one of the evergreens in Europe's top flight, HC Zagreb. The four-time finalists from Croatia aim for their first quarter-final appearance in eight years. The next opponents for the winners of this tie are four-time champions THW Kiel.

In a highly anticipated national derby, Hungarian powerhouses OTP Bank - Pick Szeged, striving for their first quarter-final berth in five years, and four-time finalists Telekom Veszprém HC will clash twice. Whoever opens the door to the quarter-final will then face 2021 finalists Aalborg for a ticket to Cologne.

Orlen Wisla Plock reached their first ever quarter-final last season and are eager to repeat the feat when meeting Paris Saint-Germain Handball, who finally hope to go all the way this season. Whether it will be Plock or Paris, they need to get past record champions Barça in the quarter-finals in order to book the trip to the TruckScout24 EHF FINAL4.

With four high-profile ties in the play-offs, handball fans across the world can look forward to two midweeks of entertaining and thrilling action, providing us with the next step on the Golden Road to Cologne. The race to the most coveted trophy in men's club handball is truly on!

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Having lost the EHF FINAL4 final in each of the last two seasons, Kielce KC are back with the same ambition for 2023/24: to climb on top of Europe again, like they once did in 2016.

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> Head coach Talant Dujshebaev's roster has not changed much over the summer. Stalwarts like captain Alex Dujshebaev, top scorer Arkadiusz Moryto, line player Artsem Karalek and goalkeeper Andreas Wolff will again be among the leading players, with one court player arriving: long-range shooter Hassan Kaddah from Egypt. Can Kielce take that final step this season?

GROUP A

MAIN FACTS

- the 2016 champions played their third EHF FINAL4 final in June 2023, but lost 30:29 after extra time against SC Magdeburg
- this defeat was Kielce's second straight loss in an EHF Champions League final, after falling to Barça the year before >
- qualified for the 2023/24 edition as Polish champions, winning the domestic title for the 12th time in a row and 20th overall >
- welcomed two new players in the summer of 2023: goalkeepers Milosz Walach and left back Hassan Kaddah
- one player from the 'golden' squad from 2016 is still playing for Kielce: right back Pawel Paczkowski

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League Participations (including 2023/24 season): 21 Winners (1): 2015/16 Winners (1): 2015/16 Runners-up (2): 2021/22, 2022/23 Semi-finals (3): 2012/13, 2014/15, 2018/19 Quarter-finals (1): 2017/18 Play-offs (1): 2020/21 Last 16 (7): 1993/94, 1994/95, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2019/20* (* *Last 16 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic*) Group Matches (3): 1999/2000, 2003/04, 2010/11 Last 32 (2): 1996/97, 1998/99 Other Other EHF Cup: Quarter-finals 1997/98, 2005/06 Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-finals 1995/96 Polish league: 20 titles (1993-94, 1996, 1998-99, 2003, 2009-10, 2012-23) Polish cup: 17 titles (1985, 2000, 2003-04, 2006, 2009-19, 2021)

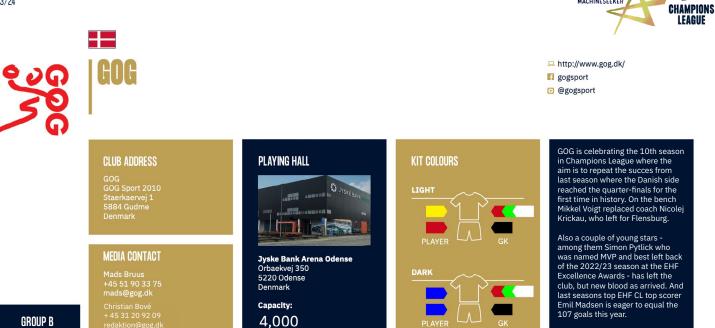
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TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
2	Nikodem	Blazejewski	POL	Goalkeeper	27/02/2004	Kielce, POl	200
5	Michal	Olejniczak	POL	Left Back	31/01/2001	Gorzów, POL	197
7	Benoit	Kounkoud	FRA	Right Wing	19/02/1997	Le Chesnay, FRA	190
9	Szymon	Sicko	POL	Left Back	20/08/1997	Dabrowa Bialostocka, POL	200
10	Alex	Dujshebaev C	ESP	Right Back	17/12/1992	Santander, ESP	188
11	Nicolas	Tournat	FRA	Line Player	05/04/1994	Niort, FRA	200
18	Igor	Karacic	CRO	Centre Back	02/11/1988	Mostar, BIH	191
23	Arkadiusz	Moryto	POL	Right Wing	31/08/1997	Kraków, POL	182
24	Daniel	Dujshebaev	ESP	Left Back	04/07/1997	Santander, ESP	196
25	Haukur	Thrastarson	ISL	Centre Back	14/04/2001	Selfoss, ISL	193
30	Elliot	Stenmalm	SWE	Left Back	04/05/2002	Skogslyckan, SWE	200
33	Andreas	Wolff	GER	Goalkeeper	03/03/1991	Euskirchen, GER	198
33	Pawel	Paczkowski	POL	Right Back	14/06/1993	Swiecie, POL	195
42	Hassan	Kaddah	EGY	Left Back	01/05/2000	Cairo, EGY	205
48	Tomasz	Gebala	POL	Left Back	23/11/1995	Gdynia, POL	212
50	Artsem	Karalek	BLR	Line Player	20/02/1996	Grodno, BLR	197
99	Dylan	Nahi	FRA	Left Wing	30/11/1999	Paris, FRA	192

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MAIN FACTS

GROUP B

- four new arrivals have the experience of playing Champions League: Danes Aaron Mensing and Anton Lindskog (both from Flensburg), > Norwegian Alexander Blonz (from Szeged) and Swede Linus Persson (from Nantes)
- besides Pytlick and Jørgensen, two more key players went abroad: Jerry Tollbring (Berlin) and Nejc Cehte (Eurofarm Pelister)
- for the first time in club history, the overall Champions League top scorer came from GOG: right back Emil Madsen, who scored 107 goals last season.
- > new trainer is Mikkel Voigt, formerly in charge of the youth academy in GOG.
- in the finals of the Danish league, GOG beat Aalborg again, as in 2022; now GOG have a little anniversary, playing their 10th EHF Champions League season

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF Champions League Participations (including 2023/24 season): 10 Main Round (2): 2007/08, 2008/09 Last 16 (2): 2004/05, 2006/07 Last 8 (1): 2022/23 Group Matches (4): 1995/96, 1996/97, 1998/99, 2000/01, 2019/20

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Other EHF European League: Quarter-finals 2020/21 EHF Cup: Quarter-finals 1999/00, 2001/02, 2005/06 Cup Winners' Cup: Runners-up 1995/96, Quarter-finals 1993/94, 1997/98 Danish league: 9 titles (1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2004, 2007,

2022, 2023) Danish cup: 11 titles (1990, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2019, 2023)





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No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm	kg
3	Nicolai	Nygaard Pedersen	DEN	Left Back	15/02/1994	Hillerød, DEN	198	100
7	Lasse	Sunesen Vilhelmser	DEN	Right Back	26/04/2005	Svendborg, DEN	192	
9	Henrik	Jakobsen	NOR	Line Player	16/12/1992	Lørenskog, NOR	196	115
11	Emil	Madsen	DEN	Right Back	01/01/2001	Svendborg, DEN	194	100
12	Matthias	Dorgelo	DEN	Goalkeeper	31/10/2002	Odense, DEN	200	103
15	Lauritz	Reinholdt Legér	DEN	Centre Back	14/01/2000	Lolland, DEN	196	96
16	Tobias	Thulin	SWE	Goalkeeper	05/07/1995	Tynnered , SWE	198	99
19	Oskar	Vind Rasmussen	DEN	Right Wing	08/08/2000	Roskilde , DEN	196	94
21	Kasper	Kildelund	DEN	Right Wing	11/05/1994	Svendborg, DEN	184	84
22	Anders	Zachariassen C	DEN	Line Player	04/09/1991	Sønderborg, DEN	193	107
23	Joachim	Lyng Als	DEN	Left Wing	07/04/2003	Copenhagen , DEN	198	98
28	Emil	Oxenvad Tonnesen	DEN	Centre Back	25/01/2005	Esbjerg , DEN	193	
29	Hjalte	Lykke	DEN	Right Back	05/10/2004	Aarhus, DEN	178	73
31	William	Dalby	DEN	Left Wing	01/05/2005	Copenhagen, DEN	186	67
33	Aaron	Mensing	DEN	Left Back	11/11/1997	Graasten, DEN	201	101
34	Morten	Toft Olsen	DEN	Centre Back	11/10/1984	Lejre , DEN	187	94
35	Frederik	Møller Wolff	DEN	Goalkeeper	25/04/2006	Svendborg, DEN	181	
37	Linus	Persson	SWE	Right Back	16/04/1993	Fleninge , SWE	191	100
39	Kasper	Teglgaard Pedersen	DEN	Line Player	16/06/2005	Ringsted, DEN	198	
43	Frederik	Pedersen	DEN	Centre Back	25/08/2005	Rødovre, DEN	165	
44	Tobias	Tombak	DEN	Left Back	10/02/2004	Roskilde, DEN	200	
46	August	Secher Lihn	DEN	Goalkeeper	27/09/2005	Frederiksberg, DEN	175	
48	Simon	Humlegaard	DEN	Line Player	22/05/2005	Svendborg, DEN	195	110
49	Lucas	Willenbrack Hedegaard	DEN	Right Wing	20/01/2003	Copenhagen, DEN	184	
66	Anton	Lindskog	SWE	Line Player	07/12/1993	Kristianstad, SWE	198	110
71	Alexander	Blonz	NOR	Left Wing	17/04/2000	Clamart, FRA	189	85
77	Frederik	Clausen C	DEN	Left Back	29/06/1995	Svendborg, DEN	198	103



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